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FOR: METHOD FOR THE IDENTIFICATION OF INHIBITORS OF THE  
BINDING OF ARE-CONTAINING MRNA AND A HUR PROTEIN

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to the examination of the above-referenced patent application, please enter the following preliminary amendments.

**Amendments to the specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.